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UNCW Homecoming

On Jan. 30 the School of Nursing Alumni Breakfast will be held at 9:30 a.m. at the Clocktower Lounge, Fisher Student Center. A slide presentation will be conducted showcasing the new School of Nursing building. A link listing various Homecoming events can be found at:

<http://www.uncw.edu/alumni/2010homecoming.htm>

Upcoming Dates:

Dec. 11: SON Graduation Awards Ceremony, Kenan Auditorium, 7:00 p.m.

Dec. 12: Commencement, Trask Auditorium, 9:30 a.m.

Dec. 23-Jan. 3: Winter Break.

Jan. 4: Spring '10 semester begins

Jan. 6: Spring '10 classes begin

Jan. 11: Faculty Council Meeting, 8:30 a.m. Watson 162.

Jan. 11: Pre-licensure Faculty Meeting, 10:00 a.m. Watson 162.

Jan. 13: Last day to drop/add courses.

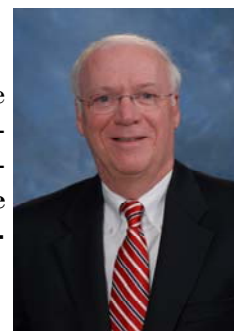
Jan. 18: Martin Luther King Holiday. No classes.

Jan. 27: Clinical Affiliate Meeting, NHRMC

Please submit items of interest, calendar events, notable achievements, community events and questions you may have for our faculty and staff to our editorial/production staff: Sandy O'Donnell or Debra Simpson.

Greetings from the Director

This fall semester has been an especially exciting one for the UNCW School of Nursing, and one of the most notable milestones has been the approval of our new organizational structure. Also quite noteworthy were two staff changes: **RuthAnne Kuiper** was selected as our department chair and **Jeanne Kempainen** as assistant chair.



Another announcement that will have a great impact on our effectiveness is that a new Community Advisory Council will be established and implemented in the spring of 2010. Among the primary purposes of this council is its function as a provider of advice and counsel to the school's director to help guide decisions about current nursing practice, including quality of care and patient safety. The council also will promote effective communication about health care among nursing practice, nursing education, and the community. In addition, it will offer guidance and recommendations for the development of future curriculum content while identifying potential collaborative opportunities between the UNCW School of Nursing and the broader community.

As you read the First Friday, you can be proud that our faculty and staff all continue to make an impressive difference through our willingness to make lasting and meaningful contributions to both our UNCW community and the community at large.

New SON Building is 68% through the Contract Period!



Welcome to the Class of December 2010

We welcome 52 new students to the prelicensure Class of December '11! This newest cohort is comprised of 45 females and seven males. The average age is 24, three are active duty military, and five have previously earned baccalaureate degrees.

Notable Achievements

Congratulations to **Anne Marie Goff** (pictured at right) who will receive a PhD in Higher Education from UNC Greensboro School of Education, Department of Curriculum and Instruction, on Dec. 17, '09. The title of her dissertation is "Stressors, Academic Performance, and Learned Resourcefulness in Baccalaureate Nursing Students."



Julie Smith Taylor won the Women's Health Research Award as the 2009 First Place Poster Winner at the 12th Annual Women's Health Care Conference of the National Association of Nurse Practitioners in Women's Health.

RuthAnne Kuiper's research "Promoting the Self-Regulation of Clinical Reasoning Skills in Nursing Students" was recently published in *The Open Nursing Journal*.

Debbie Pollard was recently published. The citation is as follows: Pollard, D. & Guill, M. (2009). The relationship between baseline self-efficacy and breastfeeding duration. *Southern Online Journal of Nursing Research*, 9(4).

Jeanne Kemppainen recently had a book chapter published: Critiquing Research in W. L. Holzemer (Ed.), *Improving Health through Nursing Research* (108-118). United Kingdom: Wiley-Blackwell for the International Council of Nurses.

Jane A. Fox and **Soo Kim-Godwin** presented their research "Intimate Partner Violence Among Migrant and Seasonal Farm Workers in Southeastern NC" at the September meeting of the Nu-Omega Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau. Additionally, they presented a poster at the Research Day of NHRMC and at Cape Fear Community College.

Debbie Pollard and **Carol Heinrich** made a podium presentation at the Southern Regional Education Board (SREB) Council on Collegiate Education in Nursing Annual Conference on Oct. 13, '09, in Atlanta, GA. Their presentation was titled *Achieving Faculty Ownership of Student Learning Outcomes: Accountability, Consistency, and Transparency*.



Kathleen Ennen and **Melissa Aselage** (pictured at left) presented a poster at the 2009 National Gerontological Nurses Association (NGNA) in St. Louis, titled "Use of the comprehensive Geriatric Assessment in Baccalaureate Nursing Education". Also, **Ennen** addressed "Health Care Reform Legislation and Medicare, Medicaid, and Private/Employer-Based Health Insurance" at the Nov. 11 School of Nursing-sponsored program, "Aging to Perfection". **Aselage** made a presentation "Advanced Care planning" at the conference as well. This program was co-sponsored by the UNCW Upperman African American Cultural Center and Pacifica Assisted Living.

In November **Melissa Aselage** (pictured at right) attended the 2009-10 Building Academic Geriatric Nursing Capacity Leadership conference and presented a poster at the 2009 Gerontological Society of American in Atlanta. The poster was entitled "Measuring Mealtime Difficulties: Eating, Feeding and Meal Behaviors in Older Adults with Dementia". This poster has an accompany article that was accepted for publication in 2010 by the *Journal of Clinical Nursing*. **Aselage** also has a manuscript accepted by the Southern Online Journal for Nursing Education for publication entitled "Ethical Considerations in Conducting Research with Persons with Dementia".



Judith Jarosinski and **Carol Heinrich** presented at the 23rd Annual Conference of American Psychiatric Nurses Association in Charleston, SC. The title of their presentation was "Nursing Students Working With At-Risk Teens" Creating a Success in Life Series".

Congratulations to **Kathleen Ennen** and **Susan Roberts** for being awarded the *Discere Aude* Mentoring Award by the Center for Teaching Excellence. The recipients of this award are nominated for outstanding mentoring by students named to the Chancellor's List for distinguished academic performance.

Six RN-BS students have had their letters to the editor accepted for publication in three nursing journals. They are:

Gina McKim on the subject of "Nurse Hazing" in *MedSurg Nursing*; **Maria Stoute** on "Health Care Reform" in the *American Journal of Nursing*; **Leslie Tickle** on "Patient Safety" in *MedSurg Nursing*; **Nina Brooks** on "Difficult Venous Access in Children" in the *Journal of Emergency Nursing*, **Debra Banks** on "Evidence Based Practice" in the *Critical Care Nurse* and **Jenny Key** on "Alternative for Boarding Mental Health Patients in the ER" in the *Journal of Emergency Nursing*.

Notable Recognition



Congratulations to **Janie Canty Mitchell** (pictured at left) for her selection as the 2009 Distinguished Alumnus at the University of Miami School of Nursing on Nov. 7, '09.

Linda Ferrell (pictured at right), Executive Assistant, was selected as one of 20 individuals who was awarded the 2009 UNCW Staff Award for Excellence.

Graduating seniors **Cassandra Buchanan** (Dec. '09) and **Megan Hardin** (Dec. '09), two of the graduating Honors Students, are the initial recipients of a Paul E. Hosier Undergraduate Research Fellowship.



Nu Omega Chapter Receives Chapter Key Award

The Nu Omega Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International (STTI) received it's first chapter key award at the 40th Biennial Convention in Indianapolis, Oct. 31- Nov. 4. The Chapter Key Award, established in 1991, honors chapter who excel in chapter -related activities such as:

- Membership recruitment and retention
- Professional and leadership development
- Publicity and programming
- Local, national and international collaboration

Thank you to all of the STTI members who shared their accomplishments for the Nu Omega Chapter to receive the award. Planning now can begin for the completion of the next award for the 2011 Submission Timeframe (Nov. 1, '09 - July 15, '11). The chapter key award organizers of the Nu Omega Chapter will share the submission criteria with the Nu Omega members in the near future. If there are members of STTI who are not members of the Nu Omega Chapter, please plan to transfer your membership or take a dual membership in order for the Nu Omega Chapter to include all members in the award submission.

Congratulations to the Newest Sigma Theta Tau Inductees!

Congratulations to the following students and nurse leaders for their recent induction in to the Nu Omega Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International, the nursing honor society:

Prelicensure Inductees:

Amanda Bodnar	Lacey Edwards	Brandi M. Knight	Olivia K. Reeves	Jessica Stauffer
Matthew Bowers	Ashlea Foglio	Quinn H. Lawlor	Trudy Rinker	Sarah Marie Swaim
Leah Alynne Brock	Kaitlyn S. Garrison	Megan J. McMurry	Sarah Segal	Sharon M. Tallman
Cassandra L. Buchanan	Megan Hardin	Alicia Pearl	Veronica J. Silveira	Elizabeth Sue Wolfson
Danielle Cray	Laura Hoffman	Ashlyn M. Pinion	Bryan Sisk	
Stephany Daniell	Hillary Hutto	Jessi C. Plumblee	Hannah R. Spangler	

RN Access Inductee: **Lori Elaine Riordan**

Master of Science Inductees:

Nurse Leader Candidates

Janice D. Furman	Soshanna McNeal	Frank P. Ausband	Marianne Butler	Esther Okons
Carol N. Highsmith	Bernadine S. Medeiros	Susan Banford	Debra C. Clifton	Brittany M. Outlaw
		Marianne Butler	Ann Marie Locklear	Hope S. Tyson

Congratulations to the Award Recipients

Congratulations to **Cassandra Buchanan** (Dec. '09) on her selection to receive the Award of Excellence. This award is given to a graduating prelicensure senior for outstanding academic and clinical performance. Congratulations to **Maria Golson** (Dec. '09) and **Rosemarie Wyatt** (Dec. '10) on their selection to receive the Achievement Awards. These awards are given to a graduating senior and a junior who have demonstrated growth and mastery of nursing concepts and practices. Recipients of these awards are nominated by the SON faculty with endorsement by the Faculty Council.



Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation Walk Collects \$350,000 in Wilmington

Both faculty members and students participated in the Oct. 4 Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation Walk that collected \$350,000 for Juvenile Diabetes Research. The SON Association of Nursing Students team, which consisted of **Leah Pursel, Jenny Curry, Kaitlyn Garrison, Brynna McMillan, Ashlea Foglio and Britney Tadlock** raised \$180, and the UNCW SON team raised \$410 for a total of \$590. Pictured above are faculty members and students who participated, including one future nursing student (pictured at right).

The SON Food Drive is a Success!

Brandi Mechling (pictured on the left) spearheaded the September Food Drive that collected 438 pounds of non-perishable food items. This generous donation provided approximately 370 meals to those in need. Pictured on the right is **Jennifer Caslin**, Development Manager of the Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina Wilmington Branch.



Students Participate in UNCW's First H1N1 Flu Vaccine Clinic

On Nov. 11, '09, the SON 28 community health nursing students worked in collaboration with the Abrons Student Health Center, Environmental Health, and the Health Promotion Program on campus to administer the H1N1 Flu vaccine to 1,065 UNCW students. This first clinic, designated for only students, allowed students opportunities to administer injectable and nasal vaccines. Faculty who facilitated student activities were **Carol Highsmith, Kae Livsey and Nancy Jackson**.



Congratulations to the December '09 Graduates!

Prelicensure

Amanda Marie Bodnar
Matthew Ryan Bowers
Leah Alynne Brock
Cassandra Lee Buchanan
Meredith Leigh Causey
Amber Sherron Cox
Rebecca Mallory Cox
Danielle Stancill Cray
Stephany Jin Daniell
Laura Suzanne Edwards
Amy Elizabeth Elliott
Jenica Renee Elliott

Aissel Faquir
Sarah Louise Gaines
Maria Inez Golson
Kristen Elizabeth Grimsley
Megan Suzanne Hardin
Alyson Nicole Insull
Brandi Michelle Knight
Sue Kurtz
Carrie Ann Licht
LaShana Siobhan McAllister
Kristen Blair Nichols
Brittany Leigh Pearson

Lindsey Moree Phillips
Kendall Anne Pschak
Sarah Ann Segal
Jessica Lenzi Shelton
Veronica Jody Silveira
Bryan Phillip Sisk
Adam Fuller Sturkey
Sarah Marie Swaim
Meghan Theresa Thompson
Adelaida K. Vash
Alison Marie Watkins

RN/BSN

Terra Denise Pinyati

“Support Gunny Pearl November 5K” Fundraiser Raises \$26,000

Nursing students **Carrie Licht**, **Amanda Bodnar** and **Allison Cray** organized and led the efforts for a Class of Dec. '09 fundraiser to assist their fellow classmate **Alicia Pearl** and her husband **Eden**, who was critically injured in Afghanistan.

Faculty members **RuthAnne Kuiper**, **Jane A. Fox**, **Jeanne Kemppainen**, **Debra Ezzell** and **Nancy Murdock** and staff members **Marty Medina**, **Linda Kleckner** and **Patti Schulz** also participated in this successful event. Congratulations to all of the participants and donors who raised \$26,000.



AAMN Elects Officers

The UNCW Chapter of the American Association of Men in Nursing has elected its new officers, and they are:

Sean Toomey , President	Crystal Taylor , Secretary
Eric Morgan , Vice President	Josh Freeman , Treasurer
Andrew Newsome , Public Relations	

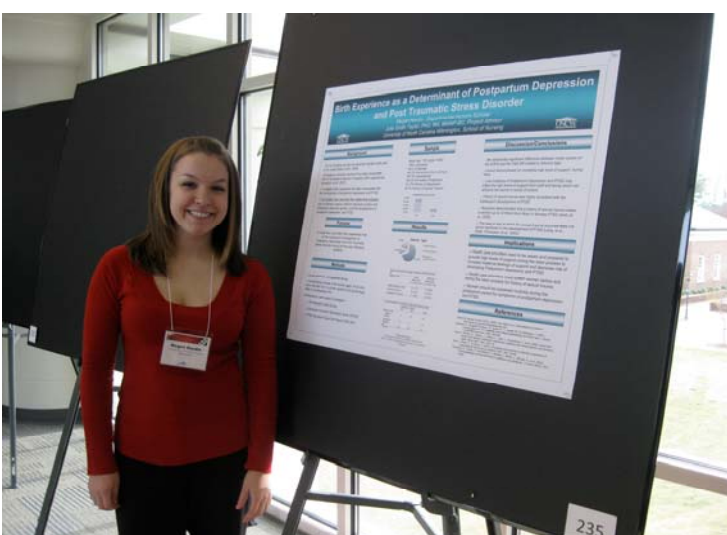
Presentation in Japan

Jeanne Kemppainen presented a research poster "Health Promotion Behaviors of Rural Residents with Hypertension" on Sept. 9, '09 at the First International Nursing Research Conference of the World Academy of Nursing Science in Kobe, Japan. Co-presenters included Professor Kanematsu and Professor Kikuchi, who are nursing faculty from Iwate Prefectural University. Pictured at left (from left to right) are Kemppainen, Professor Kikuchi and Professor Kanematsu.

Class of May 2011 Elects Officers

The following students were elected as officers of the Class of May 2011:

President: **Josh Freeman**; Vice President: **Beth Parrott**; Secretary: **Carrie McGrath**; and Treasurer: **Whitney Wilson**. Committee Representatives selected are: **Megan Hurd** for Student Affairs Committee, **Mercedes Goetting** for Pre-licensure Council, and **Christen Bauman** for Program Evaluation.



Honor Students Present Research Posters

Megan Hardin (Dec. '09) (pictured at right), Ashley Fields (Dec. '09) (pictured below left) and Quinn Lawlor (Dec. '10) (pictured below at right) made their poster presentations on Nov. 21 at the 5th annual State of North Carolina Undergraduate Research and Creativity Symposium on the UNCW campus. This symposium is an opportunity to showcase the exceptional undergraduate research and scholarly creative activities that are being undertaken at college campuses across the state. There were 365 undergraduate student presentations representing 42 different universities, 4-year colleges, community colleges and one high school across the state.



ANS News

It's been a very busy semester for the Association of Nursing Students with the following activities:

- Participation in the local muscular dystrophy walk with more than \$350 raised for the team;
- Participation in Operation Christmas Child in which 62 boxes were collected and \$100 raised;
- Participation in a Suicide Prevention walk held in Raleigh in early November;
- Participation in the 5K Fundraiser for Gunny Pearl;
- Purchase and preparation of holiday gifts for an adopted family whose young daughter is being treated for cancer in NC.

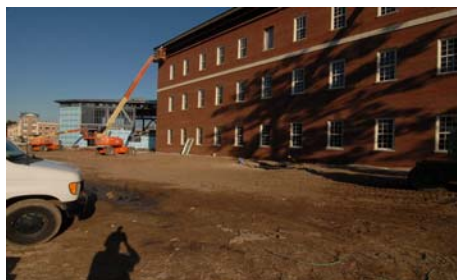
The ANS currently is planning a Health Fair for April 9, '10, on the UNCW campus. The focus of the fair will be on health promotion and disease prevention. Vendors are being invited to showcase their programs and games and raffles are planned. For those who would like to offer suggestions or their time to plan and participate, please contact one of the ANS officers for more information: **Leah Pursel** (president) **Jenny Curry** and **Lisa Chambers** (co-vice presidents), **Amanda Formy-Duvall** (secretary), **Helena Mangeri** (treasurer), and **Erin Griffis** (historian).

Simulation News

There has been full utilization of the SON Simulation Lab throughout the fall semester. All prelicensure clinical courses are engaged in simulation activities that include Boot Camps, open labs, role playing, teaching/practice labs and assessment/evaluation simulations. N326 students were introduced to Sim Man and high fidelity simulation earlier in the semester. On the same day that students attend the NG tube insertion and urinary catheterization lab, they also participate in a simulation that allows students to apply their knowledge and demonstrate clinical decision making to an actual patient scenario related to these skills. Feedback from student evaluation indicates the simulation experience has been valuable to their learning experience and additional simulation has been requested throughout the curriculum.

On the graduate level all 19 students enrolled in the Advanced Health Assessment course and participated in 3 required seminar/practice labs during the semester with a final physical examination check-off at the end. **Paula Reid**, course instructor, led these labs, and she was assisted by **Carol Heinrich**, **Chris Orton**, **Brenda Pavill** and **Carla Savinon**.

Additional Photos of the New Building Construction Site



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Lingering Thought

A nurse will always give us hope,
an angel with a stethoscope.

Carrie Latet